REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF SWANZEY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 17, 1866.

KEENE:
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1866.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We, the undersigned, Selectmen of Swanzey, beg leave to submit the following report:

APRIL INVOICE, 1865.

Total valuation, including polls,	$590,508 00
Rate per cent. on one hundred dollars,	2 16
	$12,754 97
Fraction lost in computing tax,	2 11
	$12,752 86
Non-resident highway tax,	66 61
Tax on 88 male dogs,	88 00
Tax on 12 female dogs,	24 00
School-house tax in District No. 7,	154 46
" " 10,	78 72
" " 11,	52 60
" " 13,	40 98
Amount put in collector's hands,	$13,258 23

RECEIPTS FOR 1865.

REMAINING IN TREASURY AT THE CLOSE OF REPORT FOR 1864.

Cash,	$595 46	
Balance of tax in the hands of the collector for 1864,	644 84	
		$1,240 30

BORROWED.

March 2, 1865,	J. B. Walker,	$1,000 00	
" " "	A. W. Houghton,	250 00	
" " "	E. P. Sebastian,	250 00	
" " "	Solon W. Snow,	100 00	
" " "	Daniel Snow,	200 00	
" " "	Joel Hammond,	200 00	
" " "	E. F. Read,	100 00	
" " "	J. L. Parker,	100 00	
" " "	David Pelkey,	300 00	
" 14, "	Mrs. A. S. Wilbur,	70 00	
" 25, "	F. S. Fisher,	350 00	
" " "	J. C. Weber,	102 83	
April 8, "	Mrs. A. S. Wilbur,	35 00	
" 1, "	Lewis Hunt,	500 00	
" 19, "	Zadock L. Taft,	150 00	
Mar. 25, "	Calvin Bryant's Estate,	160 00	
April 22, "	Geo. W. Eastman,	300 00	
May 3, "	Josiah Parsons,	200 00	
" " "	Willard Adams,	400 00	
July 1, "	Orin F. Oakman,	100 00	
" 3, "	Mrs. H. Wetherbee,	100 00	
" 7, "	Mrs. S. Starkey,	150 00	
" 22, "	Arza Higgins,	100 00	
" 26, "	E. O. Whitcomb,	200 00	
" 31, "	J. C. Weber,	60 00	
Aug. 10, "	G. W. Faulkner,	100 00	
Sept. 11, "	L. R. Starkey,	100 00	
Oct. 12, "	H. Abbott,	300 00	
" 21, "	D. W. Harris,	50 00	
Nov. 14, "	Alvin Starkey,	2,000 00	
Jan. 18, 1866,	Mary E. Partridge,	250 00	
Feb. 12, "	Mrs. Christian Marble,	250 00	
" 14, "	Mrs. Sarah Willis,	395 00	
			$8,922 83

RECEIPTS CONTINUED.

Total amount of money taxes assessed for 1865, including non-resident highway tax, $13,258 23

State aid, up to May 1, 1865,	3,534 66	
State bounty for soldiers,	6,337 83	
County, for support of A. J. Underwood,	224 36	
		$23,355 08

DISBURSEMENTS.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1864.

A. S. Whitcomb, Town Clerk, Services,	$64 18	
Josiah Parsons, Selectman for 1864,	199 75	
Stephen Faulkner, " "	133 70	
Henry Abbott, " "	175 00	
Alonzo A. Ware, School Committee,	50 00	
Enoch Howes, Treasurer,	25 00	
Virgil A. Holbrook, Sexton, services to Nov. 28, 1865,	60 00	
Virgil A. Holbrook, Services as Constable for 1865,	16 38	
George Whitcomb, Sexton, services for 1865,	42 00	
		$766 01
Paid State Treasurer State Tax,	$3,915 00	
Paid County Treasurer County Tax,	1,057 54	
		$4,972 54

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Robert Hovey for building new Bridge and Abutment near David Whitcomb's,	$855 00
George H. Moore, Snowing bridge,	5 00
Henry Metcalf, Repairing Highway near Slate Bridge,	15 00
David Whitcomb, Snowing Bridge and Repairing Highway in District No. 15,	10 00
Moses Worster, labor on highway,	7 00
Hiram Bolles, " "	14 00
John Lebourveau, " "	8 75
John Lebourveau, for Repairing Bridge at Factory Village,	36 47

Alfred Britton, Repairing Abutment to Bridge near Arba Stearns',	30 00	
Benjamin Mason, labor on Highway,	4 37	
Asa Healy, for Lumber to repair Bridge,	7 00	
Leander Page, Bridge Plank,	14 21	
John Fitzgerald, Labor on Highway,	8 00	
Irus Metcalf, " "	8 88	
George Cross, " "	6 00	
Oliver Capron for Bridge Plank,	9 21	
		$1,038 89

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Dist. No. 1,	Elias A. Thatcher,	$79 46	
" 2,	A. W. Banks,	153 61	
" 3,	M. A. Thompson,	73 72	
" 4,	George W. Eastman,	69 79	
" 5,	J. S. Moore,	123 73	
" 6,	Levi Crouch,	64 20	
" 7,	Calvin Greenleaf,	89 25	
" 8,	Baley Corlis,	90 13	
" 9,	Lyman Holbrook,	88 08	
" 10,	W. Adams,	128 90	
" 11,	A. Britton,	179 92	
" 12,	O. Snow,	39 38	
" 13,	H. W. Leonard,	119 95	
			$1,300 12

SCHOOL HOUSE TAXES.

Dist. No. 7,	Marshall Rixford,	$148 32	
	Uncollected,	6 14	
Dist. No. 10,	William C. Belding,	77 08	
	Uncollected,	1 64	
Dist. No. 11,	Alfred Britton,	50 00	
	Uncollected,	1 93	
Dist. No. 13,	H. W. Leonard,	25 00	
	Uncollected,	15 98	
			$326 09

TOWN BOUNTIES TO VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

David Pelkey,	$500 00	
Alvin W. Houghton,	500 00	
Edward P. Sebastian,	500 00	
George W. Ellis,	500 00	
Henry T. Davis,	500 00	
Charles S. Parks, (Town and State)	600 00	
Lewis Hunt,	500 00	
		$3,600 00

STATE AID TO SOLDIERS' FAMILIES.

A. W. Tupper,	from Mar. 1, '65, to July 26, '65,	$38 93
H. R. Ward,	" " " "	58 40
H. B. Starkey,	" " " " "	38 93
O. L. Haskell,	" " " Aug. 9, '65,	63 60
Samuel Rockwood,	" " " Nov. 21, '65,	104 40
L. Smith,	" " " June 15, '65,	28 00
Amos E. Cummings,	" " " July 29, '65,	39 79
C. N. Sebastian,	" " " May 1, '65,	8 00
William Sebastian,	" " " July 26, '65,	58 40
B. P. Lamson,	" " " " "	39 00
C. G. Gilmore,	" " " " "	38 93
William Stone,	" " " " "	31 00
John Barber.	" " " " "	38 93
Martin Jewell,	" " " Aug. 9, 1865,	63 60
Ira H. Hooper,	" " " " "	41 17
Jotham M. Ballou,	" " " May 20, '65,	10 66
Warren S. Pickering,	" " " Aug. 9, '65,	21 17
John P. Hill,	" " " " "	63 60
J. Q. A. Wilson,	" " " June 17, '65,	42 00
C. H. Gove,	" " " July 26, '65,	58 40
Alonzo D. Sumner,	from May 16, '65, to Nov. 16, '65,	48 00
Charles R. Applin,	from Feb. 23, '65, to July 8, '65,	16 00
Samuel Mattoon,	from Feb. 22, to May 18, '65,	34 80
John S. Thayer,	from Feb. 22, to May 13, 1865,	10 00
Joseph Cross,	from Mar. 3, to May 3, "	8 00
George P. Ward,	from Feb. 22 to July 26, "	20 00

David Pelkey, from Feb. 23 to April 23,	1865,	24 00	
John A. Breed, from Feb. 13 to July 30,	"	53 20	
George W. Ellis, from Mar. 1, to July 4,	"	49 25	
Elbridge Prentice, from Feb. 3 to Dec. 26,	"	122 00	
Lincoln Wheelock, from Feb 22 to to June 9,	"	14 21	
F. C. Whitcomb, from Mar. 3 to July 26,	"	18 99	
L. S. Holden, from Feb. 22 to July 26,	"	19 43	
L. O. Hunt, from Feb. 28 to June 17,	"	28 00	
N. Bourn, Jr., " " "	"	42 00	
William N. Ripley, " " July 1,	"	48 00	
John F. Hunt, " " June 16,	"	43 20	
Geo. W. Sweetser, " " Aug. 9,	"	42 76	
Benj. F. Clark, " " June 17,	"	42 80	
Franklin Burbank, from Feb. 22 to April 22,	"	8 00	
William Eastman, from Oct. 26, '64 to April 26, '65,		48 00	
			$1,627 55

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID SINCE REPORT FOR LAST YEAR.

E. F. Reed, note,	$100 00
C. Whitcomb & Co., interest,	300 00
George Cook, note and interest,	1032 20
Moses Worster, " "	333 94
Lyman N. Howes, note and interest,	324 84
Treasurer Congregational Society, interest,	6 08
Mrs. E. W. Haskell, note and interest,	1049 56
Daniel Snow, note and interest,	203 67
Savings Bank, Keene, interest,	330 00
J. B. Walker, note and interest,	1020 00
Ahaz Cass, " "	104 75
Mrs. Laura Holbrook, two notes and interest,	712 32
Luke Ellor, two notes and interest,	$571 51
Francis S. Fisher, note and interest,	358 75
Joel Hammond, note and interest,	203 67
A. & J. Holbrook, interest,	63 00
Adams Kingsbury, "	90 00
John Stratton, endorsed,	262 70
Jesse W. Graves, note and interest,	189 49
E. P. Sebastian, note and interest,	257 79

A. W. Houghton, note and interest,	257 79	
Geo. W. Sweetser, " "	847 08	
C. Whitcomb & Co., interest,	300 00	
Lemuel O. Hunt, "	24 00	
Enoch Howes, "	84 00	
J. N. Forristall, "	21 00	
J. Parsons, note and interest,	206 00	
Lewis Carpenter, interest,	36 00	
Zadock L. Taft, "	30 00	
Joseph L. Parker, "	18 00	
Mrs. Nancy M. Leach, two notes and interest,	694 84	
Mrs. Auralia Whitcomb, note and interest,	54 25	
Miss E. M. Williams, " "	108 95	
Clark H. Houghton, endorsed,	130 00	
J. L. Parker, note and interest,	104 73	
J. B. Cass, endorsed,	300 00	
Lewis Campbell, interest,	32 50	
Savings Bank, "	330 00	
Francis Hills, interest,	11 90	
Nathan Winch, "	194 40	
Thayer Thompson, note and interest,	316 50	
Mrs. H. M. Sweetser, note and interest,	107 50	
Benjamin Pierce, interest,	390 00	
J. B. Cass, interest,	36 00	
Daniel W. Clark, note and interest,	102 83	
Misses J. E. & J. B. Ball, interest,	30 00	
C. E. Blodgett, note and interest,	480 61	
Lemuel O. Hunt, endorsed,	100 00	
Charles Marsh, interest,	66 00	
Francis Cook, "	61 00	
Marshall Rixford, "	18 00	
Samuel Farris, "	60 00	
Roswell Whitcomb, interest,	17 42	
John Withington, "	16 06	
Adams Kingsbury, "	30 00	
Clark Dodge, "	18 00	
D. R. Marshall, "	18 00	
Wheeler & Faulkner, "	10 80	
Zadock L. Taft, "	18 00	
J. D. Ware, "	21 00	
		$13,217 43

SUPPORT OF POOR.

John W. Starkey, for the year ending Jan. 1, 1866,	$790 00	
Asylum for the Insane at Concord, for the support of Sarah Dickinson and A. J. Underwood,	413 52	
House of Reformation for the support of Jacob Stephenson,	27 72	
		$1,231 24

INCIDENTALS.

Abatement of Taxes for 1864,	$87 84	
Public Watering Places, 7 in number,	21 00	
Blank Books, Stationery, Postage & Revenue Stamps,	5 17	
T. T. Wetherbee, expenses to Concord,	7 00	
Horatio Kimball, printing Town Reports for 1864,	25 00	
Wm. C. Belding, land damage,	7 00	
County Commissioners' services on the Very road case,	34 20	
C. Houghton, bounty on wild cat,	1 00	
Money refunded for lots in new cemetery,	42 39	
Paid soldiers' fares,	24 06	
Non-resident highway tax paid in labor,	34 40	
Wm. Wheelock, sexton's services,	4 50	
Enoch Howes, tolling bell, 1864,	12 50	
Discount for over-charge in taxes for 1865,	28 92	
		$334 98

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury at close of report for 1864,	$595 46	
Balance of tax in collector's hands for 1864,	644 84	
Borrowed since report for 1864,	8,922 83	
Total amount of money taxes assessed for 1865, including non-resident highway tax,	13,258 23	
State aid for soldiers' families to May 1, 1865,	3,534 66	
State bounty for soldiers,	6,337 83	
From county, for the support of A. J. Underwood,	224 36	
		$33,518 21

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Town Officers,	$766 01	
State Treasurer, State Tax,	3915 00	
County " County "	1057 54	
Repairs of Roads and Bridges,	1038 89	
Support of Schools,	1300 12	
Schoolhouse Taxes,	300 40	
" " uncollected,	25 69	
Bounties to 7 soldiers,	3600 00	
State Aid to soldiers' families,	1627 55	
Notes and Interest paid,	13217 43	
Support of Poor,	1231 24	
Incidentals,	334 98	
Remaining in Collector's hands,	1,716 83	
Cash in the Treasury,	3,386 53	
		$33,518 21

LIABILITIES.

Dec. 3, 1861. Note at Savings Bank, Keene, Interest paid to Jan. 1. 1866,	$1,000 00
Sept. 14, '62. Note at Savings Bank, Keene, Interest paid,	6,000 00
Nov. 3, 1862. Note at Savings Bank, Keene, Interest paid,	2,000 00
Jan. 1, 1862. John W. Starkey, note, Interest not paid,	500 00
July 1, 1862. John W. Starkey, note, Interest not paid,	300 00
Dec. 1, 1863. Nathan Winch, note, int. paid,	1,562 50
Nov. 1, 1863. Enoch Howes, note, int. paid,	1,400 00
Oct. 6, 1863. A. & J. Holbrook, note, interest paid,	750 00
Jan. 1, 1864. Lewis Campbell, note, int. paid,	500 00
Jan. 1, 1864. A Kingsbury, note, int. paid,	500 00
Jan. 1, 1865. Mrs. Almira Hews, note, interest not paid,	50 00
Nov. 15, '63. F. C. Whitcomb, note, int. not paid,	157 50
Jan. 24, '63. J. D. Ware, note, int. not paid,	350 00
" " " C. Dodge, note, interest paid,	300 00
Jan. 26, '65. Alvin Starkey, note, int. not paid,	4,200 00

June 10, '65.	Emma Cass, note,	300 00
Apr. 11, '63.	Mrs. Wm. H. Knight, int. not paid,	200 00
April 1, '63.	John Withington, note, int. paid,	130 00
Oct. 8, '63.	Luke Ellor, note, int. not paid,	107 00
Dec. 16, '63.	John Stratton, note, int. not paid, endorsed $110.00	300 00
Dec. 30, 63.	Almira Sawyer, note, int. not paid,	75 00
Dec. 25, '63.	Note at Savings Bank, Keene Interest paid	2,000 00
Dec. 29. '63.	Benjamin Pierce, notes, int. paid,	7,000 00
Apr. 27, '64.	John Stratton, note, endorsed 262.70,	500 00
May 26, '64.	Miss R. Williams, note,	50 00
" " "	Treasurer Congregational Society,	120 00
June 7, 1864.	A Kingsbury, note, int. paid,	1,500 00
July 21, '64.	D. R. Marshall, note, int. paid,	300 00
July 2, 1864.	Calvin Bryant estate, note, interest not paid,	1,000 00
Aug. 13, '64.	Calvin Bryant estate, int. not paid,	100 00
Aug. 15, '64.	Chas. Howard, note, int. not paid,	600 00
Aug. 30, '64.	Mrs. Hannah J. Clark, note, interest not paid,	300 00
Sept. 5, '64.	C. Whitcomb & Co., note, int. paid,	10,000 00
Sept. 2, '64.	Bailey Corlis, note, int. not paid,	250 00
Sept. 5, '64.	J. N. Foristall, note, int. paid,	350 00
Sept. 3, '64.	Aaron Dickinson estate, note, interest not paid,	300 00
May 5, 1864.	Francis Cook, note, int. paid,	1,000 00
July 1, 1864.	Mrs. C. B. Harris, note, int. paid,	1,000 00
July 15, '64.	Henry S. Applin, note int. not paid,	300 00
Oct. 1st, '64.	Marshall Rixford, note, int. paid,	300 00
Oct. 4, 1864.	Zadock L. Taft, note, interest paid,	500 00
Oct. 4, 1864.	Ashael W. Dunton, int. not paid,	500 00
Oct. 5, 1864.	Francis Hills, note, int. paid,	198 35
Oct. 5, 1864.	G. G. Willis, note, int. not paid,	1,000 00
Oct. 6. 1864.	Martha I. Graves, note, int. not paid,	250 00
Oct. 6, 1864.	F. C. Whitcomb, note, int. not paid,	150 00
Oct. 7, 1864.	Henry Starkey, Jr., note, int. paid,	300 00
Oct. 17, '64.	Calvin Bryant estate, note, interest not paid,	100 00
Oct. 29, 64.	Calvin Bryant estate, int. not paid,	100 00

Oct. 29, '64.	Mrs. Arvilla S. Wilbur, note, interest not paid,	75 00
Nov. 22, 64.	Noah Youngman, note, int. not paid,	500 00
Jan. 5, 1865.	Ahas Cass, note, int. not paid,	100 00
Jan. 6, 1865.	Zadock L. Taft, note, int. not paid,	300 00
Jan. 9, 1865.	Lyman Holbrook, note, int. not paid,	125 00
Jan. 16, '65.	Mrs. Lucy A. Taft, note, int. not paid,	326 00
Jan. 9, 1865.	Mrs. Meranda J. Holbrook, note, interest not paid,	75 00
Feb. 1, 1865.	Ahas Cass, note, interest not paid,	200 00
Sept. 23, '64.	Charles Marsh, note, int. paid,	1,100 00
" " "	Lewis Carpenter, note, int. paid,	600 00
" " "	Lemuel O. Hunt, note, int. paid, endorsed $100.00	400 00
" " "	Edward Dickinson, note, interest not paid, (held by D. Wilson)	450 00
" " "	Clark H. Houghton, note, interest paid, endorsed $100.00	500 00
Sept. 7, '64.	Roswell Whitcomb, note, int. paid,	290 41
Feb. 8, 1865.	Wheeler & Faulkner, note, int. paid,	179 97
" 9, "	Orloe E. Parsons, note, int. paid, (held by A. & J. Holbrook)	300 00
" " "	Josiah Parsons, note, interest not paid, (held by Noah Perry)	300 00
" 11, "	Mrs. Susannah Bryant, note, interest not paid,	100 00
March 2, 65.	David Pelkey, note, interest not paid, (held by H. Starkey, Jr.,)	300 00
" 14 "	Mrs. Arvilla S. Wilbur, note, interest not paid,	70 00
April 8, '65.	Mrs. Arvilla S. Wilbur, note, interest not paid,	35 00
" 1 "	Lewis H. Hunt, note, int. not paid,	500 00
" 19 "	Zadock L. Taft, note,	150 00
March 2, '65.	Calvin Bryant estate, note,	160 00
Apr. 22, "	Geo. W. Eastman, note, (held by Freeman & Grimes,)	300 00
May 3, "	Willard Adams, note,	400 00
July 1, "	Orin F. Oakman, note,	100 00
" 3, "	Mrs. H. Wetherbee, note,	100 00

July 7, 1865,	Mrs. Silence Starkey, note,	150 00	
" 22, "	Arza Higgins, note,	100 00	
" 26, "	E. O. Whitcomb, note,	200 00	
" 31, "	J. C. Weber, note,	60 00	
Aug. 10, '65.	G. W. Faulkner, note,	100 00	
March 25, "	J. C. Weber, note,	102 83	
Sept. 11, "	L. R. Starkey, note,	300 00	
Oct. 12, "	Henry Abbott, note,	300 00	
" 21, "	D. W. Harris, note,	50 00	
Nov. 14, "	Alvin Starkey, note,	2,000 00	
Jan. 18, '66.	Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, note,	250 00	
Feb. 12, "	Mrs. Christian Marble, note,	250 00	
" 14, "	Mrs. Sarah Willis,	395 00	
Estimated due Town Officers for 1865,		800 00	
"	Interest due on notes,	850 00	
			$64,494 56
Minus Endorsements,			572 70
			$63,921 86

ASSETS.

Cash in the Treasury,	$3,386 53	
In the Collector's hands,	1,716 83	
Due from the State Soldiers' Aid,	925 77	
Due from the County for the support of A. J. Underwood,	214 60	
General Government Bounties for nine men,	2,160 00	
		$8,403 73
Total amount of Liabilities,	$63,921 86	
Total amount of Assets,	8,403 73	
Leaving the Indebtedness of the Town at this date, Feb. 17, 1866,		$55,518 13

MOUNT CÆSAR CEMETERY.

The balance of account due from George Whitcomb to the town, as reported last year, of 100.24, has been cancelled by accounts of said Whitcomb against the Town for Sexton services, and services as Cemetery Agent.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH PARSONS,
STEPHEN FAULKNER,
T. T. WETHERBEE,
Selectmen of Swanzey.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee of Swanzey, for the year ending March 13th, 1866, as required by law, respectfully submits to the Town, the following brief Report of the condition of our Common Schools the past year.

District No. 1.—The *Summer* School was taught by Miss Emma M. Gates. This was her first attempt at teaching; but she managed to secure the confidence and respect of her pupils and pleasantly lead them in their pursuit of knowledge. Improvement in all branches was very apparent. Those who attended the closing examination appeared, with one exception, well pleased with the school.

The *Winter* term was under the instruction of Miss R. M. Thatcher. It was a fair school but not of that high order which is desirable. There was a lack of energy in the teacher, and doubtless the want of that co-operation on the part of the parents, which compels even an indifferent teacher to keep a good school.

No. 2. The *Summer* term was taught by Miss Hattie A. Parker, with even more than her usual good success. This school received more visits from parents and others during the term and at the closing examination than any

other in town. Gymnastic exercises were introduced and successfully practised. These when rightly managed, are considered not only interesting, but conducive to the health of the scholars.

Winter term, Alonzo A. Ware, teacher. The school was unusually harmonious;—there were no jarring elements within or without to retard its prosperity. The older scholars deserve much credit for their earnest endeavors to set that good example which might be safely imitated by the younger pupils. There was in this school a fine class in Algebra, and some attention was given to this branch of science; but more time was devoted, and more attention given to those *higher* and *more practical* branches, *Reading* and *Spelling*.

No. 3. This school is composed principally of small scholars, but under the instruction of Miss Mary S. Whitcomb they acquitted themselves very finely. The order was good, and the progress in the different studies all that could be expected. Not a tardy mark defaces the register of the second term. Much credit is due to the prudential committee of this district for the promptness and zeal which he manifested in the performance of his duties.

No. 4. *Summer* term. Taught by Miss Sarah A. Brock of Keene. Although this was her first attempt at teaching, the result shows that she possesses in an admirable degree those qualifications, and exhibits those traits of character, which are necessary for the successful teacher. She kept a good school. Sickness obliged her to vacate it at the end of nine weeks.

Miss Jennie A. Faulkner, the teacher of the *Winter* term, has likewise had but little experience as a teacher in the school room; but she meets with very good success. At the closing examination the school appeared well, though a few of the larger boys were absent who should have been present.

No. 5. Miss Chloe P. Holbrook, teacher of the *Summer* term, and Miss Mary S. Whitcomb, teacher of the *Winter* term. Both are good teachers and kept good schools. Miss Whitcomb says in her register "much praise is due to the class of large scholars for their respectful and quiet deportment in and around the school room. All have seemed interested in their studies when present, yet there has not been that degree of punctuality which is desirable."

No. 6. *Summer.* Taught by Miss E. Francella Eaton. A quiet, pretty school, but wanting in life and animation. The teacher was altogether too sparing of oral instruction and familiar illustrations. These, in connection with book questions and answers, are indispensible in developing thought and creating a love of study in young children.

Miss Abbie L. Parker had the management of the *Winter* School. It was well governed, correctly taught, and good progress was made by the pupils. In a word the school was a good one.

No. 7. *Summer* term. Taught by Miss Julia B. Foster. The result of her labors was such as might be expected where a faithful, energetic teacher holds the reins. A good school in all respects. A large majority of the pupils not absent one half day.

The *Winter* term was taught by Miss Sarah E. Frink. She labored heroically for the welfare of her pupils, and her efforts deserve much praise. The school was too large for so young a teacher to manage; nevertheless, very fair progress was made by the scholars. During the past year the school house has been somewhat repaired, but the interior arrangement is still as it has been, decidedly antique and inconvenient.

No 8. There was hardly a feature of this school that need be criticised. The teacher for the year, Miss Jennie M. Foster, was enthusiastic in her labors, and the scholars were studious and faithful. Both order and improve-

ment were good. While old Ignorance remains to contend with, may they ever "fight it out on this line."

No. 9. The *Summer* term was under the management of Miss A. C. M. Herrick, a teacher of much experience and established reputation. She failed however in this instance to secure that high degree of order which is necessary to make a perfect school. Very fair improvement was made by most of the scholars.

Miss Julia B. Foster taught the *Winter* School. Within a few weeks, and near the commencement of the term, five of the scholars in this district died of that fearful disease, diphtheria. A shade of sadness necessarily hung over the school room; but we hope that those who were permitted to live made a right improvement of time and passing events. The closing examinatien furnished evidence of commendable progress in knowledge; and the mutual feelings of respect between teacher and pupils, then exhibited, are significant of a happy and prosperous school.

No. 10. Both terms of school were taught by Miss Emily R. Bailey. She is a fine scholar, an experienced and good teacher; and her earnest efforts for the good of her pupils were pretty successful. The school appeared very well whenever the committee was present. Several of the larger boys were absent a few of the last days of the Winter session. There might be in these cases a good excuse, but unless such is presented to the teacher, the inference usually is that the absentee considers himself a *poor* scholar and dares not submit his knowledge to the tests of our ordinary examinations.

No. 11. Mrs. Louise B. Wright, teacher for the year. Mrs. Wright, having spent more than 100 months as a teacher in the school room, ought by this time to understand her vocation, and her management in No. 11, the past year, inclines us to believe that she *does* understand

it. She possesses that fearless independence and those traits of mind which enable her to *govern* and induce scholars to *obey*. The progress of her pupils was not very apparent in the Summer, but showed itself decidedly at the close of the Winter term. The deportment and scholarship of some of the pupils were truly commendable. The school being so large, the teacher was assisted during the latter term by Miss M. L. J. Brown. The remarks of previous years, in reference to a graded school in the village of West Swanzey, are still applicable.

No. 12. The scholars in this little school received the faithful instructions of Miss Mary Eaton for the term of eight and one-half weeks. During that time all did what they could. The remainder of the year constitutes a long vacation. We hope it may be well improved..

No. 13. Teacher of *Summer* term, Miss Rosetta M. Hart; of *Winter* term, Miss Jennie L. Evans. Both were very fair schools, though in neither was the order quite what it should have been. The improvement in most branches of study was good; especially was this the case in Grammer during the Winter term. There are in this school some very fine scholars.

In addition to the above 25 terms of Public School, there was a successful term of 11 weeks at the Academy, under the instruction of Mr. C. J. Barber; and flourishing Private or Select Schools were taught in several of the districts by the following persons; No. 2, Miss Hattie A. Parker; No. 7, Miss Sarrh E. Frink; No. 9, Miss Nellie S. Keith; No. 11, two terms, Mrs. Louise B. Wright; No. 13, two terms, one by Miss Julia B. Foster, and the other by Miss Jennie L. Evans.

The amount paid by citizens of Swanzey, for the support of these schools, was about $350.00, which added to the public appropriation, ($1300.12) makes the sum of

more than 1650.00 expended in the town for the purpose of education, the past year.

The aggregate length of our Public Schools was 205 1-2 weeks, which is 18 weeks less than in the previous year. The whole number of scholars was 383 in the Summer, and 418 in the Winter term; two more in the Summer, and thirty less in the Winter than last year. The comparative average attendance was nearly, and the whole number of different scholars precisely the same for the last two years. There were 473 tardy marks against 685 the previous year. Number of visits by citizens and others, 917; which is 45 more than were recorded the preceding year.

We are obliged to place upon record the fact that, during the year, four terms of school have passed without a single visit from the Prudential Committee, the Agent of the District, to see for himself, whether the teacher he has employed is faithful or negligent in performing her important duties. It is a sad feature in the record; but the feature brightens when we see that, instead of *four*, there were nine similar cases last year. There is evidently progression.

While many of our larger boys ate noble scholars, and do honor to themselves and the schools of which they are members, there are a few who do not sustain the rank nor put forth the exertions they should. The example of such men as the present chief magistate of our nation, and his predecessor in office, speaks loudly to every young man to improve, as they did, not only the short time spent in school, but evenings and spare moments generally. The scholar of sixteen need have little fear that close and undivided attention to study, for the term of 8 or 10 weeks, will injure his mind.

Though the condition of our Common Schools may be fair, we should not for a moment entertain the thought

that they are what they ought to be,—that they can be made no better. Their great want is an aroused and enlightened public sentiment in their behalf. In proportion as this is secured, will poor school houses give place to good ones; indifferent and incompetent teachers, to those that are energetic and well qualified; and dilatory, superficial and unreliable scholars, to those that are prompt, accurate and true.

A nobler object cannot engage our attention than the proper training of our youth. The destinies of the Republic will soon be entrusted to them. Let us, citizens of Swanzey, as we love our country, labor for its welfare,—and in no better way can this be done than by striving to perfect our system of Common Schools, the very basis of our free institutions.

ALONZO A. WARE,

Superintending School Committee.

TABLE I.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

DISTRICTS,	I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.	VI.	VII.	VIII.	IX.	X.	XI.	XII.	XIII.
Length of School in weeks,	6	9	8	9	9	8	6	7	7	8	9		7½
Whole number of pupils,	22	53	20	24	22	18	42	16	36	27	59		44
Males,	8	23	7	12	11	5	26	5	18	12	24		15
Females,	14	30	13	12	11	13	16	11	18	15	35		29
Average attendance,	20	46	14	19	19	15	40	15	33	22	47		35
Number of pupils over 16 years,	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1		0
Number of tardy marks,	4	16	6	16	4	13	11	6	4	29	19		50
Number not tardy,	19	41	17	14	18	10	32	10	32	14	45		16
Number not absent one half day,	11	9	1	7	3	0	27	10	11	3	6		4
Whole number of visits,	30	89	40	31	28	13	50	26	20	47	45		43
Visits by Supt. School Committee,	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2		2
Visits by Prudential Committee,	1	1	3	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	1		0
Wages of Teacher per mo., including board,	$17 00	26 00	22 00	17 00	21 00	16 00	20 00	17 00	21 00	20 00	24 00		21 00

TABLE II.

WINTER SCHOOLS.

DISTRICTS,	I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.	VI.	VII.	VIII.	IX.	X.	XI.	XII.	XIII.
Length of School in weeks,	9	8	8	9	9	7	9	10	8	11	7½	8½	8
Whole number of pupils,	28	54	23	22	28	20	52	19	26	26	61	9	50
Males,	12	30	9	15	18	8	31	8	17	12	34	6	20
Females,	16	24	14	7	10	12	21	11	9	14	27	3	30
Average attendance,	23	47	20	18	21	18	40	18	23	18	55	7	41
Number of pupils over 16 years,	2	9	0	2	7	1	6	2	4	3	7	2	2
Number of tardy marks,	27	9	0	9	7	10	45	23	15	45	85	3	21
Number not tardy,	21	47	23	17	23	16	29	8	17	14	28	7	30
Number not absent one half day,	8	10	4	2	2	10	10	10	2	1	14	1	3
Whole number of visits,	14	45	27	38	38	22	61	29	25	38	78	9	31
Visits by Supt. School Committee,	2		2	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	3	2	2
Visits by Prudential Committee,	3	1	2	1	2	1	3	1	2	1	1	0	1
Wages of Teacher per mo., including board,	$21 00	40 00	23 00	22 00	28 00	24 00	20 80	20 00	24 00	26 00	54 00	18 00	28 00

TABLE III.

Dists.	Prudential Committee.	SUMMER SCHOOLS.		WINTER SCHOOLS.	
		Teachers.	Residence.	Teachers.	Residence.
No. 1.	Elias A. Thatcher,	Miss Emma M. Gates,	Marlborough,	Miss R. M. Thatcher,	Marlborough,
No. 2.	Alanson W. Banks,	Miss Hattie A. Parker,	Swanzey,	Mr. Alonzo A. Ware,	Swanzey,
No. 3.	Mowry A. Thompson,	Miss Mary S. Whitcomb,	West Swanzey,	Miss Mary S. Whitcomb,	West Swanzey,
No. 4.	George W. Eastman,	Miss Sarah A. Brock,	Keene,	Miss Jennie A. Faulkner,	West Port,
No. 5.	Jonas L. Moore,	Miss Chloe P. Holbrook,	Keene,	Miss Mary S. Whitcomb,	West Swanzey,
No. 6.	Levi Crouch,	Miss E. Francella Eaton,	West Swanzey,	Miss Abbie L. Parker,	West Swanzey,
No. 7.	Calvin T. Greenleaf,	Miss Julia B. Foster,	West Swanzey,	Miss Sarah E. Frink,	West Port,
No. 8.	Bailey Corliss,	Miss Jennie M. Foster,	West Swanzey,	Miss Jennie M. Foster,	West Swanzey,
No. 9.	Lyman Holbrook,	Miss A. C. M. Herrick,	Chesterfield,	Miss Julia B. Foster,	West Swanzey,
No. 10.	Willard Adams,	Miss Emily R. Bailey,	Swanzey,	Miss Emily R. Bailey,	Swanzey,
No. 11.	Alfred Britton,	Mrs. Louise B. Wright,	Gill, Mass.,	Mrs. Louise B. Wright,	Gill, Mass.,
				Miss M. L. J. Brown,	Keene,
No. 12.	Oramon Snow,			Miss Mary Eaton,	West Swanzey,
No. 13.	Willard Leonard,	Miss Rosetta M. Hart,	Keene,	Miss Jennie L. Evans,	Guilford, Vt.

TABLE IV.

Districts.	Number of Scholars.	Amount to each District.	Amount to each Scholar.
No. 1.	34	$79 46	$2 34
No. 2.	69	153 61	2 22
No. 3.	25	73 72	2 95
No. 4.	28	69 79	2 49
No. 5.	31	123 73	3 99
No. 6.	24	64 20	2 67
No. 7.	57	89 25	1 56
No. 8.	[illegible]	90 13	4 74
No. 9.	41	88 08	2 15
No. 10.	36	128 90	3 58
No. 11.	79	179 92	2 28
No. 12.	9	39 38	4 37
No. 13.	59	119 95	2 00
	511	$1,300 12	Av. $2 58

Raised by Taxation,	$1076 75
Literary Fund,	130 76
Railroad Appropriation,	92 61
Total Public Fund,	$1300 12

Divided by giving each District $15 00, and the remainder according to the valuation.

Amount expended for Private and Select Schools by citizens of the town,	$350 00
Total for Education.	$1650 12